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THE POWER OF FIRE

That smile.

Taranee is smiling and Hay Lin can't get her eyes off of her.

Everybody quiet! Let's see if everybody is here.

Everything that had been happening felt like a dream. Magic powers, Metaworld...

Benson?

Here!

Someone is raising his voice:

Hay Lin!

?

Real Taranee was in danger...

...and now there was a copy to replace her.

You are Hay Lin, aren't you?

Of course! The one and only Hay Lin!

The true Hay Lin...

OK. I, myself, am the only math teacher you will be seeing in awhile.

While your real math teacher, Miss Rudolph is gone, I need to see what you have learned.

So, that is why today we're going to have a little test!

Irma! What's wrong? You haven't studied?

No, I never study. I just remembered that math...

...is Taranee's favourite subject!

Taranee! Over here!

Bye girls! I have to go. We're going to have lunch, the whole family.

Have fun!

And try to be normal.

Don't be mean, Cornelia. We have to pretend that she's the real Taranee.

I know, but remember that she is just a copy of her, made with our magic.

That isn't Taranee. She is...

...her astral drop!

She and Taranee look very much alike. Look at her with Taranee's family.

Astral drop? Beautiful name!

You don't have anything else to say, Will?

I think it sounds good!

They smile and touch each other...

...give kisses...

Big brother opens the car door for her...

Little, simple acts to show how much you care.

Her brother doesn't look too bad!

What are you thinking, Cornelia?

Uhm...indeed! She really does look like Taranee!

I hope our enemy will be tricked too.

Irma is right. Taranee's parents haven't noticed anything.

I wonder if my mom would notice if astral drop would replace me too...

I'm sure not!

Hurry up, Will! The bus is leaving!

Coming!

Come on! The bus doesn't wait! Or should I break the tyres?

At least don't use your charm! Poor driver would run away.

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You think you're being funny?

If I would want to be funny, I would be wearing a clown suit.

SSSSSSH

And how is that different from your regular clothes?

Help! Has anyone got a first aid kit?

Shush! Now isn't the right time to be fighting.

And who are you to talk, Will?

What do you mean?

Without you...

What? Go on!

Without me, Taranee would still be with us, is that what you mean?

I...I didn't say that.

But you were thinking about it!

Calm down, Will! We are all a little tense.

Later in Miss Rudolph's house:

Well?

Nothing! The portal won't open.

Here it is. But I...have to go.

?!

Phobos's seal isn't helping either.

It helps us out of Metaworld, but getting there is a whole other thing.

We can't leave Taranee there! We have to find a new portal. Everyone agree?

We don't even need to discuss about it. Hay Lin, did you bring the map with you?

What's wrong with her?

I don't know, but I feel a little strange in here too.

Look at the heart of Kandrakar!

It's showing us the new portal!

Air, my element...

...it's calling for me.

A music box!

I have never heard anything like this before, but it still reminds me of...

"...or someone..."

"...something..."

Oh!

CRUNCK

Hay Lin! Are you alright?

I-I think so. That music brings back memories.

So? It's normal.

But this memory isn't mine!

I saw creatures that were escaping through the portal at the attic and I was scared!

They had a child and the face was so familiar!

I think you found a new ability in you, Hay Lin.

You mean she can read memories? Other's memories?

Exactly! Maybe that was Miss Rudolph's memory!

Of course! She is from Metaworld, right? Maybe you saw how she came into this world.

If that really is true, I wonder...

...why she was so frightened and what were they escaping?

At Irma's house:

Where did you say you were, while we were at Rudolph's house?

I said that I was with your family, having lunch.

The only problem is that I'm hungry now!

I hope mom isn't home.

See you soon, you know where. Dress warmly.

Of course.

Where have you been?

I called Hay Lin's house and you weren't there.

We took our lunch with us and went to Will's house.

Really? Well, I have a little surprise for you in the living room.

Something to eat?

Hi, cutie!

No, but something I can't swallow.

Martin, why are you dressed like that?

I think I'll go...

This is my patrol suit. Heatherfield's "Fair Bear" suit.

I brought our new calendar for you.

This month has a picture of two doves!

What are you doing here?

We have photo night today. Would you like to come?

Be calm Irma. Take a need breath and...

No, thank you!

I'm sure it would be fun! We have our own band and...

I'm sure Fair Bears play the Teddy Bear song amazingly but BYE.

She rejected me because her parents were home. Teddy Bear song sounds kinda cool, though...

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Uniforms were charming in the old times. That's why your mom fell in love with me!

Yes and you were a little thinner back then, too!

So, two doves are this month's picture, huh?

Eep! Quick escape!

I'm safe in here, dear sister!

GLACK

HUAA! Mom! Dad!

Oh yeah?

What's happening in there, Christoph?

The shower is throwing water at me! Help!

SSSHHH

Nearby is another witch:

Would kiss be a little too much?

Daydreaming, Will! If the address is right, that is Matt's house.

After all I'm going to another reality and might never come back.

Shh! Don't be nervous! The garden has lots of friends for you.

CRAAA

I suppose I could note Matt with my mobile phone since he gave me his number.

"Please, take care of my dormouse. You're the only one I can trust him with. Will." Send...

BEP

BIP BEP

"P.S. Take care of me too." No, I can't send THAT!

T-CLANCK

Eek! Matt is coming!

FRUUSH

He was home. Why didn't I think about that? I wonder if he saw me.

There you are, little buddy.

Where's your owner?

Next time I'll leave a note. Mobile phones are too quick!

He's so gentle. I wish I was a dormouse too.

Sigh.

Did you hear something?

Oops!

I need to clean the bushes. They are full of nettle and bugs.

Nettle? Bugs?

Sunset.
At the Shell Cave:

Where is Will? It's cold in here.

She said she needs to take a shower before she comes.

We'll get a shower in here too. The waves are huge!

Don't be afraid of water, Cornelia...

...I'm here!

You can control something that big?

No, but I asked them to move a little further from the shore.

Tell them to keep away from the Shell Cave too, since we're going in.

Will! Finally!

Welcome to the Shell Cave, Will!

Wow, it's big!

What's wrong? Why are you scratching yourself?

Because nettles itch and sting.

Um...what?

It's true! I have a... Forget it, I'll explain later.

Let's start, girls!

First, we have to make astral drops for us.

Is it necessary?

We don't know when we're coming back. I'm not even sure if...

We'll be back, Cornelia. I'm sure of it. And Taranee is coming back with us!

If you're so sure, then start working already!

Relax, I'll start!

And I'm doing it for you, Taranee.

Only for you!

Incredible! You're.... You're me!

Hey! Led go of my dose!

Fantastic! It's like looking into a mirror!

Not really. I don't have split ends.

Don't know about you guys, but I can see myself just fine!

Same here. There's two of me!

What did you say?!

Heh! They sure are like each other!

Ahem...not everybody.

?

I live...on some street...no, next to the park? My name is...

Complete idiot! Why did you make something like that? She's useless!

Will, your astral drop doesn't seem to remember anything.

I must admit, that when I was making her, I was afraid that....

...that your astral drop would take your place in Heatherfield?

Well, it's only a little mistake. Will can make new one.

I don't think she can.

Cornelia is right. This is my problem and I want to solve it myself.

Look, I'll write everything you need to do, on this piece of paper. Can you read?

Of course! I just have one question.

Who is Will?

Still in the Shell Cave at 21.00 PM:

Did your astral drop leave already, Hay Lin?

Yes, I asked her some questions and she seems to know everything perfectly.

She's going home, will sleep on my bed and dream my dreams.

And we, on the other hand, are going to a land with only night-mares.

One more time, from the beginning.

Ok...at 7.00, wake up. 7.15, shower. 7.55, a kiss for mom, breakfast and...

Alright. Follow the instructions so you won't make mistakes. And remember...

...to learn the things I'm not allowed to do. Got it!

Sigh! I doubt she'll even find home.

It's going to be OK, I'm sure. Let's go.

Wow, it's dark in here. Luckily me and Hay Lin brought flash lights.

I have been in here many times, but I never thought I'd find a magic portal from here!

Look, there's writings on the walls! I never noticed it before.

A boy likes some girl in the summer and another girl next summer.

Confessions of love. How romantic!

Wrong, Irma. Vandalism.

Now that I have the powers of earth, I see clearer...

...that people don't respect earth.

Hey! Look!

This sign is different from the others.

Four blue flames. So?

This is the sign that Irma drew in her diary earlier.

How is it possible? I haven't been in here for years.

Uuh!

Will!

Everything is alright girls. Just the regular dizziness.

The one you always get when you're close to a portal? I think we found our target.

We can try. Let's hold hands tightly. I'll touch the sign.

Not really magical. I think we're still in the kingdom of love messages.

Don't worry, Will. Maybe you're just dizzy because you haven't eaten in awhile.

Nothing happened.

"Don't worry Will." Poor Will! Shouldn't we be worried about someone else?

You mean Taranee, Cornelia?

You know that she asked me to leave Metaworld to save us!

I'm not doubting you or anything, but it would be fun to hear it with my own ears.

Be happy that her desperate screams aren't echoing in your head every hour,every minute...

...every second...

Will...

Shush!

Listen!

What? I don't hear anything.

That's what I'm talking about. The waves... I can't hear them anymore.

Did you notice how different the light in here suddenly is? The walls have become smooth.

It's like we're in a real shell.

But...

WOOOOO

Water! Lots of water!

Irma! Do something!!

WOOOSH

Don't panic! I'm on it...

Air bubble! Stay close to each other!

This isn't a normal wave! We got through the portal.

Put these quickly on.

What are these robes?

Don't offend the master of fashion, Cornelia!

That's ok. These ARE robes.

They look just like the ones in Metaworld.

Brilliant! We won't be stared at.

I hope so. But we don't even know if we're in the right place.

We'll soon find out. The water is pulling us out of the cave.

I'll rather stay inside than want to see what is outside.

But...we're in the middle...

...of emptiness!

Eeek!

I-Irma! This "emptiness"...

...is staring at us!

BOMP

The one staring is surprised:

Mom, come here quickly!

Not now, Fargart.

But the crab that I found is coming out of the shell.

I thought it was an empty shell. You shouldn't be stealing things from the nature.

I didn't steal it! I found it!

Girls...

I think we ARE in Metaworld, but just the size of a thumb.

We are in some kind of a bowl.

I wonder what are kept as pets in bowls in here.

I hope nothing scarier than goldfishes.

Uaaah! Something worse!

Eww!

Fargart! What have you done?

There it is. Look.

This is how you treat your things? Throw them on the floor!

But...where my spider eating crab pet has disappeared?

There it is. Poor animal. It looks terrified!

But...I don't understand!

Wait 'till your father gets home and hears about this.

I love to have magic powers. We were back to our normal sizes in no time.

Just in time!

We're here. Taranee must be here some-where.

I never guessed I'd be back in this horrible place.

Hay Lin! What's wrong?

Nothing, Cornelia. The air is just whispering to me.

I can smell the city, listen to its noises. The creatures in here aren't that different from us.

Last time when we visited, I felt like an outsider. But now...

...I fear less.

Meanwhile, in Kandrakar, in the middle of infinity, is pure silence.

Council has just left. The wise ones. It's time for the Oracle to think...

...and make decisions.

Talk to me Oracle. I'll bring light to the darkness that is surrounding you.

Loyal Tribor, I'll tell you my thoughts.

The Guardians have once again broken the laws. Look.

I don't understand.

The figures you are seeing are made with pure magic. Guardians call them astral drops.

But they are perfect copies! The Guardians can use their powers very well.

You shouldn't admire. They should be closing the portals, not go through them.

Should we punish them?

It's my decision. At this moment, they are in the world of Phobos.

Why are they risking everything?

They are lead by a strong feeling that is easier to name than understand.

Friendship!

What does the word mean to you, Taranee?

Probably not the same as it does to you.

Girls, that you call friends abandoned you. They made a copy that looks just like you!

That isn't true!

Look at these reflections from your own reality. Look at "yourself"!

I have had enough, Elyon! Why are you doing this to me?

That's what I'm wondering.

Cedric!

I thought you didn't want the Guardians to see you in your human form.

I don't. Taranee didn't see me. Let's talk about her for a little bit.

She's the weakest link. I'm sure I can get her to our side.

Do what you want, but be careful.

The bubble that is around her is mostly her minds production.

I know, but Taranee is very weak.

And that's the way she's staying.

So be nice to your "friend" and don't irritate her.

Problems don't come alone:

Irma, you are heedless. Are you trying to risk everything?

What do you mean, Will?

You shouldn't have talked to that merchant. We could have revealed.

Don't be so nervous. Nobody's recognizing us with these robes.

Besides, it was worth a risk. He changed my watch to this.

Wow, cool ball! Do you catch if I throw it?

Look closer, Cornelia. It's the city's map. And those little dots are persons.

And that's not all. That big star is Phobos's castle.

Do you think Taranee is trapped in that palace?

I don't know. But according to this map, the city covers the whole planet.

For Taranee I would walk all around the earth, but we can start looking from the castle...

"...You never know."

Can you hear me, Will? I know you're here somewhere. I can feel it.

Hey, Taranee! Did I interrupt something?

Elyon!

Did you come here to tell me more lies? You have nothing better to do?

I don't need to lie. I can show you something that will make you think.

Will! I needed something new. Watching my clone all the time was pretty broing.

Believe it or not, that is your friend, and she is still in her own world.

Look, how worried she is about you. Can you see the tears in her eyes...

"...while thinking of you?"

BEEP BEEP

CLUNCK

Will's astral drop is waking up:

Hmm...let's see...

Eh, the instructions say nothing about alarm clocks. Good night!

Aaah! It's 7:00 AM!

Seven...seven... what does Will do at seven?

Here it is: get up.

Sneeze!

Yes, Amanda, I understand.

I have a really bad cold, so I'll stay home today.

Where is the bath-room?

Ask Spencer to tell the boss and...Will! Why aren't you dressed yet?

What? Are you my mom?

Where was I...

What? No, Amanda I wasn't talking to you

I better leave.

Where in earth is that piece of paper?

Oh no! I've lost Will's instructions!

Uh, I'll try to remember. 7.00: wake up. 7.15: shower.

And who was I supposed to kiss?

"Some boy?"

Calm down buddy. I know it's early, but you kept my family awake all night.

They told me to return you back to Will immediately, who has some explaining to do...

DIN DON

Will! Could you open the door? Sneeze!

Yeah, yeah! How does this cloth work?

Um...W-Will?

Yep, it's me. What?

I brought the dormouse back. I know it's only ...um...7.50, but...

7.50? Oh, of course....

Thank you for reminding me!

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And thanks of the dormouse...

SLAM

...mister stranger!

You were sleeping last night when I got home. Today, I will be home all day. Happy?

No, mom!

Is this the same Will who is always complaining that I work too much?

Are these clothes OK?

Hey, stop!

The instructions!

Oops! I was supposed to kiss mom and not some boy!

No! And the instructions say: "Don't kiss boys!"

Hey mom! Have you ever kissed someone accidentally?

No, but a clip on the ear usually fixes those situations.

Will! Wait a minute, Will!

No time, mom. I have a busy schedule.

You have a schedule? Normally you wouldn't wake up even if a bomb would explode.

What does a bomb sound like? Does it beep?

Let me help you. I will have a guest come over this evening, by the way.

Okay. Is that croissant for me?

Actually the guest is your teacher, Mister Collins.

Mmm...so?

Maybe you didn't hear me. I was talking about your history teacher.

Great! Have fun!

Oh? Well t-thank you.

SPLASH

Will kissed Matt. You had a crush on him, didn't you?

Not anymore! Keep your witty comments to yourself.

Why did you stop? It was fun to watch.

None of your business! I'll leave you to think about your own situation.

Elyon is furious! It means that everything I saw really happened.

Will did something you have always dreamed of. Are you jealous?

No! I'm loyal to you, Cedric.

That isn't the real Will. She is in Meridian and soon our prisoner too.

Meanwhile:

Haa! There she is!

Aaah! There he is!

Who is that guy and why is he chasing us?!

Seems like he didn't like your watch!

How rude! I mean I got it from the cereal packet but...

Should we use the heart of Kandrakar, Will?

Not yet.

He's the merchant I bought the map from.

You are the leader because you have the heart of Kandrakar but think about us too!

I didn't ask for it! Just follow and trust me!

Great! Deadlock! What do we do now?

WILL!

I hear steps! They are getting closer!

Who is stupid enough to build stairs leading to a deadlock?

In Meridian everything is possible.

?!

You have no choice. Step quickly in the shadows!

I saw them! They ran here!

...Huh?

"Where did they go?"

Incredible! We are inside the shadow.

Your world's nature's laws don't affect here, Irma.

Yeah but...Wait! How did she know my name?

That voice is familiar.

Miss Rudolph!

You banished me from your world, but you are still my old students.

Do you live in here? In the shadows?

Don't be afraid of me, even though I should be mad at you.

We aren't in the shadow anymore, but in this infinite city's basement.

Why did you hide in our world?

Darkness and sadness had overtaken my city and every-body's hearts

Millions of dark, angry, bruised, desperate souls. Meridian.

Like a shadow.

Master, if you find the thief...

If I were you, I would forget the whole thing.

FTOOOM

The wall is very strong. I don't know if I can...

Try again Vathek! That wall is the only thing separating us from the Guardians.

They returned to just save their friend?

Yes, but this time, they won't get away anymore.

We are still being chased. We have to hurry if we want to save Taranee.

FTOOOM

Yes, your friend has been waiting for long. The time in here is very diffe-rent.

Different? What do you mean?

Under this shadow, the time goes quicker.

So how long Taranee has been waiting for us?

Week, maybe two. A long time.

Poor Taranee! I left her with that monster for such a long time.

Don't blame yourself, Will. You couldn't know.

What about you? How did you know we were here?

The lesson has ended, girls.

Bell rings already.

FTOOOM

Look, master! The wall was weaker under the ground and it broke!

Excellent! Gather the soldiers and...

We'll save you some time. Here we are, monster.

What?

We don't want to waste your time. Do what you want!

As you wish. You all get own little bubble for yourself, Guardians!

They surrendered? I don't understand.

The city is huge. They chose a quicker way to get to Taranee.

I'll make your wish come true if you give me the Heart of Kandrakar. Fair enough?

But first you'll get to meet somebody, who wants to meet you really badly.

What's happening? Where are you taking us?

Nowhere. Into a place that doesn't exist.

To Phobos's garden!

This...
This...

You can't describe this place. It's all a reflection of perfection.

If it is so perfect then why does it scare me?

Maybe because everything in here is perfectly dangerous too. Be quiet, they are here.

Whisperers - Phobos's eyes and voice.

Guardians...

...Guardians...

...Guardians...

...creatures from earth...

...you can't...

Their voices are echoing, like empty thoughts!

What you see makes your other senses numb. Close your eyes and listen.

...Guardians...

...You can't talk to us...

...End is near...

...The Oracle...

...He doesn't respect us...

I don't understand anything.

It doesn't matter. Important is that they saw you.

Where are they going?

It doesn't matter either. Let's go...

"...to Meridian's dungeons!"

Pretty dark place. I'm sure you don't entertain your friends here.

They don't belong in Meridian. They are in a more noble place.

What about you? Where do you belong?

I'm still here, but it's up to you how long. Save yourself from suffering and give me the heart of Kandrakar.

You'll never get it!

Wrong answer, Will!

Stop already, Elyon! Your reflections aren't interesting anymore.

Remember your friend.

Elyon! I told you not to let her meet her friends.

I couldn't resist. Look at them.

Taranee! Say some-thing! Are you alright?

Taranee, do you remember us?

Be quiet! I don't want to listen anymore!

You are just reflections, only reflections! I don't want to listen or see you anymore!

But, Taranee, we are...

Please stop, Elyon! Please stop and get me out of here!

Did you hear, Will? Give us what we want and you'll save yourself from that.

Never, Elyon!

Then you'll get old in dungeons and won't ever kiss Matt again!

I'd get old waiting for that to happen without the dungeons, too.

But I...I saw you!

I saw you kiss Matt!

What? I would never do that!

Enough, Elyon! Take her away.

It wasn't me! Maybe it was one of Elyon's reflections or my astral drop!

Elyon, quickly!

It never happened! Read my thoughts and you'll believe me!

Taranee, she...

She's telling the truth!

Only the real Will knows about my telepathy abilities.

...to play with fire!

Elyon, you on the other hand have played with my feeling. And it's very dangerous...

WOOOSH

Her...her prison is melting!

I told you not to anger her!

WOOOSH

The bubble didn't suck all her powers!

Do something!

I can't! Fire is the most powerful element!

KRAAAAM

KRAAAAM

No, Taranee! Stop!

Will, I have to...

Worry later. Just trust in me now.

Give me your hand.

The heart of Kandrakar! We can't stop her anymore.

Elyon and the monster are escaping! Should be chase them?

Let them go, Hay Lin. They know this world better than us.

And we have to go back home.

We transformed for nothing!

Not at all! It's really nice to dress up for moments like this.

We got Taranee back!

"Friendship."

Kandrakar.

Are you smiling, Oracle?

The happy ending lifted the darkness from my heart, Tibor.

Are you still going to punish the Guardians?

No. They survived. They have now proved that they really are the chosen ones.

"But let's talk later and look how they return to their own world."

Well, how are you feeling, Taranee?

Great! The astral drop gave all the memories to me!

It's like I've never been away.

Welcome back, Taranee.

Taranee! Did you find what you were looking for?

I did, dad!

I have everything I need.

Later:

TRUNCK CLUNK

Irma!

Um... Hi, mom! You're still awake?

As you can see. Weren't you in your room just a minute ago?

Yes, but I'm very quick in my moves!

Well, good night. I just want to say that you were really nice today.

I was? Why?

Because you agreed to go out with that boy. What was his name again?

A scream echoes in Heatherfield's night: "Martin!"

If Irma wouldn't be living so far away, I could swear that was her voice.

I'm not mad at you for destroying my room almost totally.

Now I know what it feels like to kiss Matt, since I got the memories back from my astral drop.

"But she shouldn't have slapped him in front of everybody!"

I'm sure he hates me now. And that's not all.

Mom is having lunch with a man that I hate.

Will? Are you home?

Could you come down for a minute?

"...as a dinner with your daughter."

Friendship lasts forever.